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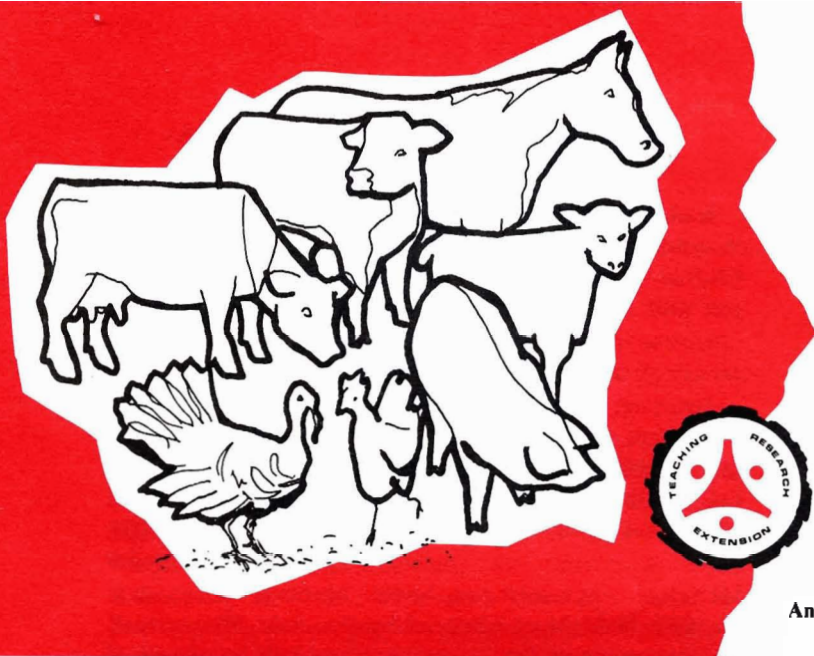
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ABERLE HEADS ANIMAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Elton D. Aberle, professor of Animal Science at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, became Head of the Animal Science Department at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, August 1, 1983. Aberle succeeded **Dr. Irvin T. Omtvedt** who was named Dean and Director of the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station, October 1, 1982. **Dr. Glenn Froning** has served as Interim Department Head.

Dr. Aberle is a native of Sabetha, Kansas. He received his B.S. degree in Animal Science at Kansas State University and his graduate degrees at Michigan State University in Meat Science and Food Science Technology. He was a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Minnesota in Animal Science and Food Science and Nutrition.

His research studies concerned muscle growth and development in meat animals. He has taught courses in Live Animal and Carcass Evaluation and in the food science area. He has served as judge at national intercollegiate meats judging contests such as The American Royal, The National Western, and others.



Elton D. Aberle

Dr. Aberle was elected President-Elect of the AMSA and received the Outstanding Teaching Award at the 1983 Reciprocal Meat Conference.

He is married to the former Carrie Ray Campbell. They have two teenage daughters.

THE COMPLETION OF ANIMAL SCIENCE COMPLEX MOVES FORWARD WITH PLANNING AND DESIGN FUNDS

The 1983 legislature appropriated \$375,000 dollars for completion of the Animal Science Building project. The funds became available July 1, 1983 and are to be used for design and development stage of the blueprints for the completion of the Animal Science Project. During the coming year there will be the selection of the architectural firm. The architect will be studying the departments program statement becoming familiar with the total project and the architect will be working towards the ultimate goal of completing the development of designs and blueprints for bidding purposes during the year. Following completion of the design and development of blueprints the next step in the program will be the authorization by the legislature for construction dollars to implement the program.

The success of the completion project in this year's Legislature is due to an extremely supportive group of Legislators and strong support from the livestock industry of Nebraska. This support has brought to a starting point the necessary funds for the development of a long needed completion project in Animal Science. The completion project will meet the needs of not only the current program but the program for many years to come in the future.



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IMPACT OF BUDGET CUTS

During the last two years, the Animal Science Department has had a reduction of \$121,344 in teaching, research and extension programs. These cuts have had a significant impact on many program areas. There is no doubt that the overall breadth of our programs have been significantly affected. Specific areas which have been influenced are:

1. Extension travel and operating funds have been drastically reduced with some extension meetings completely eliminated. User fees are being charged in some instances in order to continue some events.

2. Field trips for some classes have been eliminated. Students are asked to pay for travel, meals and lodging on field trips that are scheduled. In addition, students are asked to pay for certain class materials such as course syllabus, outlines and related items.

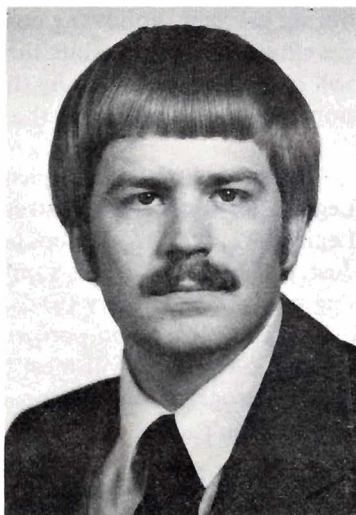
3. Appropriated funds for judging team travel have been reduced. Such activities depend more and more on gifts and grants from alumni and industry.

4. 4.6 positions have been eliminated from Animal Science research, teaching and extension programs. These are support positions affecting many aspects of our programs.

5. Cuts in equipment dollars both within the Department and at the Institute level have hindered our replacement of obsolete equipment.

NEW ANIMAL SCIENCE FACULTY

Dr. Rick A. Stock was recently named to the Extension beef specialist position in Animal Science. Dr. Stock is a native of Oklahoma and received his B.S. degree at Oklahoma State University in 1977. His M.S. and Ph.D. degrees were earned at Nebraska. Dr. Stock assumes the position formerly held by Dr. Stanley Farlin. He will have statewide leadership for the Extension feedlot programs and will be conducting research dealing with feedlot finishing of beef cattle.



Rick A. Stock

BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB HONORS TO SORENSEN

Richard L. Sorensen, prominent swine producer from Wayne, Nebraska, was honored by the Block and Bridle Club at the 1983 banquet April 22. Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen and their son, Steve, operate Greenview Farm, northwest of Wayne, Nebraska. The firm produces SPF seedstock animals for commercial producers.

Sorensen was active in forming the Nebraska Pork Producers Association and has served as President of the organization. Likewise, he has been an active participant in the National Pork Producers Council. The Block and Bridle Club honors program began in 1938 when a prominent livestock producer, **Samuel McKelvie**, was selected as the first Honoree. Sorensen is the 49th Nebraskan honored by the club. His portrait was presented to the department and will be placed in the Animal Science Hall of Fame exhibit in Marvel Baker Hall.



Richard L. Sorensen

STAFF MEMBERS RECEIVE RECOGNITION

Dr. Terry J. Klopfenstein, Animal Science staff member since 1965, recently received the Outstanding Graduate Award from his Alma Mater, Ohio State University. Klopfenstein was recognized for his research dealing with the chemical treatment and utilization of crop residues in beef cattle rations. Klopfenstein has received world-wide recognition for his research in this area. He also received the Gamma Sigma Delta Award for Research.

Dr. Roger W. Mandigo, Professor of meats, and **Dr. Ivan Rush**, associate professor located at the Panhandle Station, Scottsbluff, NE, each received the 1983 UNL Livestock Service Award from the Walnut Grove Products Company. This award is in recognition of their contribution to the livestock industry.

ANIMAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT HEAD BECOMES DEAN AND DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Dr. Irvin T. Omtvedt, was named Dean and Director of the Nebraska Experiment Station by the Nebraska Board of Regents effective October 1, 1982. Dr. Omtvedt had served as Head of the Animal Science Department since 1975. Under his leadership, the department staff and student enrollment in Animal Science increased significantly. Omtvedt will provide leadership for on campus Agriculture research as well as at the statewide facilities located at North Platte, Gudmundsen Sandhills Research Center, Whitman, Scottsbluff, Clay Center, Concord and the University Field Laboratory at Mead, Nebraska. The Agricultural Experiment Station serves as a division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources charged with the responsibility for conducting research for Nebraska's largest industry — agriculture.



Irvin T. Omtvedt

ANIMAL SCIENCE EMPLOYEE HONORED

Alice Teter, Accounting Clerk in Animal Science, was the recipient of the December, 1982, IANR's Outstanding Employee Award for Clerical/Service Staff in recognition of her outstanding service to the Institute. The award consists of a cash award of \$100 and a certificate of recognition. Others in the Department who have received this award are: **Roy Carlson**, **Vicky Kobes**, **Mary Rupe**, and **Minnie Royal**.



Alice Teter

LOVEDAY ACCEPTS POSITION AT UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Dr. H. Dwight Loveday, Associate Professor of Animal Science, has accepted a teaching and research position in the Food Technology and Science Department at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

Loveday has taught courses in meats, served as extension leader in meats, and coached both the Junior and Senior meats judging teams at UNL.

Loveday, his wife Rita and their family will be "returning home," since both are natives of Tennessee and both are graduates of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Loveday will join the University of Tennessee staff August 1, 1983.

ANIMAL SCIENCE REUNION

The annual Animal Science alumni reunion is scheduled for Saturday morning, October 1, 1983. All former students and Animal Science graduates are welcome to this event that provides an excellent opportunity to renew friendships and enjoy a day of fellowship on the campus.

Officers selected for the 1983 event are: President, **Douglas Frels**, Hershey; Vice President, **Steve Rezac**, Brainard; Board Members, **Brian Thompson**, Ames; **Patrick Wright**, Bridgeport; and **Robert Hatch**, Platteville, Wisconsin.

Foster G. Owen, Professor, serves as the Animal Science faculty coordinator for the event. The Nebraska-Syracuse University football game is scheduled for the afternoon of October 1, 1983, immediately following the reunion brunch.

GRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS

Three students who are pursuing graduate degrees in Animal Science were selected to receive the Widaman Trust outstanding graduate student awards from the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station for 1983-84. **Farouq G. Abawi**, from Afghanistan, studying poultry nutrition with Dr. Thomas W. Sullivan; **Sara M. Az-zam**, from Sweden, studying genetics and animal breeding with Dr. Merlyn Nielsen; and **O. D. Turgeon**, of Kansas, studying ruminant nutrition with Dr. Terry Klopfenstein were selected to receive the award. This is a competitive award given to support basic graduate student research in Agriculture and Medicine at the University of Nebraska. It consists of \$1,000 to be used in the student's basic research studies.

ARTHAUD MEMORIAL FUND

The **Vincent Arthaud** family has established a Memorial Fund in the Nebraska Foundation to honor the memory of the late Professor Arthaud.

Gifts to the foundation will be used to endow a permanent fund, in his name, with the income to be used to assist the students in the Department of Animal Science. Gifts to the Foundation with an indication that the funds are to be used for the **Arthaud Memorial** can be made anytime. Professor Arthaud died August 7, 1982.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that present day **Miller Hall** was for 60 years the location of the Animal Husbandry (Animal Science 1963) Department? The building was constructed in 1908 and was known as Animal Husbandry Hall, or The Judging Pavilion. The original building cost \$30,000. The entire first floor was used as a livestock judging arena. The second floor had departmental offices and classrooms. The third floor housed the Agronomy seed laboratory.

On May 17, 1931, a disastrous fire practically destroyed the building. The structure was rebuilt as a "fire proof" building in 1932. The third floor was omitted. When the Horse Barn-judging arena was built in 1915-16, the first floor of Animal Husbandry Hall was renovated and used for offices and classrooms.

In 1968, the Animal Science Department moved to Marvel Baker Hall. In 1972, Animal Husbandry Hall was remodeled and then renamed Miller Hall in honor of the Leon and Ella Miller family of Cambridge, NE. Offices of the Southeast Extension and Research Center, the Biometrics and Information Systems Center, and AGNET now occupy the building that served as the headquarters for Animal Husbandry for 60 years.



1982 Dairy Judging Team — Back Row: left to right — Renick Martin, Arlington; Franklin Eldridge - Coach; John Kube, Crofton. Front Row: left to right - Janice Drudik, Fairfield; and Hope Hedrick, North Jackson, Ohio. 12th - Midwest Intercollegiate.



1982 Livestock Judging Team — left to right - Interim Dept. Head Glenn Froning; Ralph Robinson, Harrison; Sharon Kriewald, North Loup; Bryan Kinney, Waco; Brian Brandt, Plymouth; Spencer Vance, Red Cloud; Scott Langemeier, Schuyler; Craig Uden, Bruning; Mike Cooper, Bladen; Jeffrey Miller, North Bend; Bryan Bechtel, Prairie City, KS; Tony Lesiak, Fullerton; Lyn Shuerman, DeWitt; Jan Volk, Battle Creek; Tom Huckfeldt, Gering; R.B. Warren-Coach. 2nd -Mid-South; 5th - American Royal; 12th - North American; 7th — World AQHA Horse.



1982 Meats Judging Team — left to right - Interim Dept. Head Glenn Froning; Lee Schroeder, West Point; Paul Berger, Spalding; Brenda Jespersen, Hemingford; Tom Shires, Auburn; Tod Clark, St. Edward; Marc Bauer, Pleasanton; Jeff Mencke, Blair; John Langemeier, Schuyler; Terry Maul, Kearney; Asst. Coach Bill Snyder; Doug Barnell, Sutton; Justin Williams, Broken Bow; Jim Bygland, Albion; Kathy Hulse, Wahoo; Jim Karrer, Grand Island; Coach Dwight Loveday. 2nd - Iowa State; 4th - American Royal; 4th - International.

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